

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)
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11. (Currently Amended) A method of delivering sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within ~~[[a]]~~ the fixed space;

transmitting, under ~~[[a first]]~~ said transmission protocol ~~uniquely associated with a particular event and first location within said fixed space~~, said audio signal collected from said

first location to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is configured to operate under said first transmission protocol.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the transmission protocol comprises a transmission frequency ~~uniquely associated with the particular event~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the transmission protocol comprises a spreading code ~~uniquely associated with the particular event~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the transmission protocol comprises an encryption procedure ~~uniquely associated with the particular event~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein:
the method further comprises the steps of:

collecting an audio signal generated at a second location within said fixed space;

transmitting, under a second transmission protocol ~~uniquely associated with a particular event and said second location within said fixed space~~, said audio signal collected from said second location to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space and at a distance from said first location;
and,

wherein the step of receiving said audio signal with said earpiece comprises receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is configured to selectably operate under said first transmission protocol or said second transmission protocol, thereby permitting an operator of said ear piece to select one of said first or second location within said fixed space that operator would like to listen to.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting business by deriving revenue from distributing sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within ~~[[a]]~~ the fixed space ~~[[at a particular event]]~~;

transmitting, under ~~[[a particular]]~~ said transmission protocol ~~uniquely associated with said particular event~~, said audio signal to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

charging a fee to at least one of said individuals in exchange for said earpiece.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprises the steps of:

collecting an audio signal generated at a second location within a fixed space; and

transmitting, under a second transmission protocol ~~uniquely associated with a particular event and said second location within said fixed space~~, said audio signal collected from said second location to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space;

18. (Currently Amended) A method of deriving revenue from the distribution of sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within ~~[[a]]~~ the fixed space;

transmitting, under ~~[[a particular]]~~ said transmission protocol ~~uniquely associated with a particular event~~, said audio signal to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece comprises the exchange of money for said earpiece.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece comprises selling advertising time scheduled during intervals of transmission.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for delivering sound to a plurality of individuals, comprising:

one or more audio collection units for collecting one or more audio signals from one or more locations within a fixed space;

one or more signal conditioning units coupled to said one or more audio collection units for conditioning said one or more audio signals without introducing an audio signal generated from outside said one or more locations; and

one or more transmitters configured and arranged to transmit said one or more audio signals under one or more transmission protocols, such that each of said one or more audio signals is transmitted under its own transmission protocol, the transmission protocol under which each of said one or more audio signals is transmitted being ~~uniquely associated with a particular event~~ assigned to an event occurring within the fixed space, and not being assigned to a subsequent event occurring within said fixed space.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said one or more audio collection units comprise one or more microphones.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein said one or more audio collection units comprise one or more parabolic microphones.

24. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the one or more transmitters are configured and arranged to employ a particular spreading code, such that a spreading code that is used for transmission of an audio signal collected from one of the one or more locations during a particular event is not re-used for transmission of another audio signal collected from another of the one or more locations.

25. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the one or more transmitters are configured and arranged to employ a particular encryption procedure, such that an encryption procedure that is used for transmission of an audio signal collected from one of the one or more

locations during a particular event is not re-used for transmission of another audio signal collected from another of the one or more locations.

26. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the one or more transmitters are configured and arranged to carry the audio signal on a carrier signal at a particular frequency, such that a carrier signal of a particular frequency that is used for carrying an audio signal collected from one of the one or more locations during a particular event is not re-used for carrying another audio signal collected from another of the one or more locations.